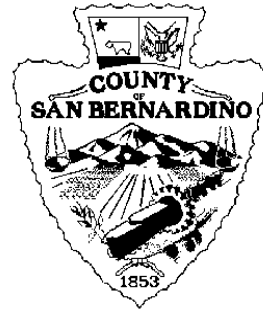


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POSTMUS JOINS DELEGATION TO STUDY NORTHERN IRELAND

WASHINGTON, D.C. – San Bernardino County Supervisor Bill Postmus has been selected by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) as a delegate to Northern Ireland for a 10-day political study program from May 8-18, 2004. He will join five other young political leaders from across the United States to study Northern Ireland's political system, engage in dialogue on bilateral issues and forge professional relationships.

“ACYPL targets young political leaders likely to assume future leadership in their national governments,” said Brad Minnick, ACYPL's Executive Director. “Our international exchanges build bridges between emerging leaders in the U.S. and other countries to promote mutual understanding and respect for each other's political cultures and ideologies.”

A keenly interested observer of political systems and elections throughout the nation and abroad, Postmus said that Northern Ireland has interested him for many years and he appreciates the opportunity to see it firsthand. “I am honored to represent ACYPL in Northern Ireland,” he said. “This will be a chance to better understand the current political situation in Northern Ireland, and help people there better understand the United States.”

Postmus, 33, was re-elected on March 2nd to a second four-year term representing San Bernardino County's First Supervisorial District. His election to his first term at age 29 made him the youngest elected San Bernardino County supervisor since the 19th century.

Supervisor Postmus will join other delegates in Washington, D.C., for briefings by the U.S. Department of State and from the Northern Ireland Bureau and the British Embassy before flying to London and Belfast. The U.S. Consulate in Northern Ireland,

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the Northern Ireland Office of the British government and the Northern Ireland Executive and Administration are assisting in organizing the visit.

U.S. delegates are selected from a competitive, bipartisan field of several hundred nominees for participation in ACYPL's international exchanges. Nearly 40 current members of Congress, six sitting governors and several current and former cabinet secretaries were ACYPL delegates earlier in their careers. Reciprocal visits bring young leaders from abroad to the United States for an introduction to American democracy and culture and our federalist form of government.

ACYPL is a nonprofit bipartisan international exchange organization funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is considered the nation's premier international exchange organization for emerging political leaders.